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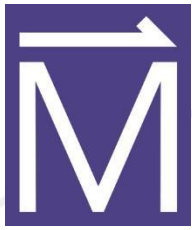
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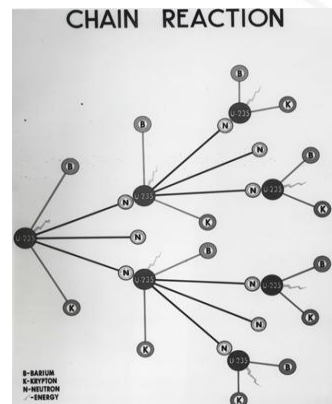
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# In the Beginning

- Fission was first produced in Nazi Germany in 1938
- Einstein, at the urging of Leo Szilard, warned FDR in August 1939
- Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941
- In April 1943, the first technical conference was held in Los Alamos
- The world's first nuclear test was conducted on July 16, 1945, achieving a yield equivalent to 21,000 tons of TNT
- World War II ends mid August 1945, after atomic bombs dropped in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



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# The “Golden Age” of Nuclear R&D

- The nation's stockpile grew from two to 31,255 weapons between 1945 and 1967
- The first thermonuclear test was conducted on October 31, 1952
- CASTLE-Bravo, the nation's largest test, achieved a yield equal to 15 Mega tons of TNT



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# The 1970-90: A Time of Growth and Change

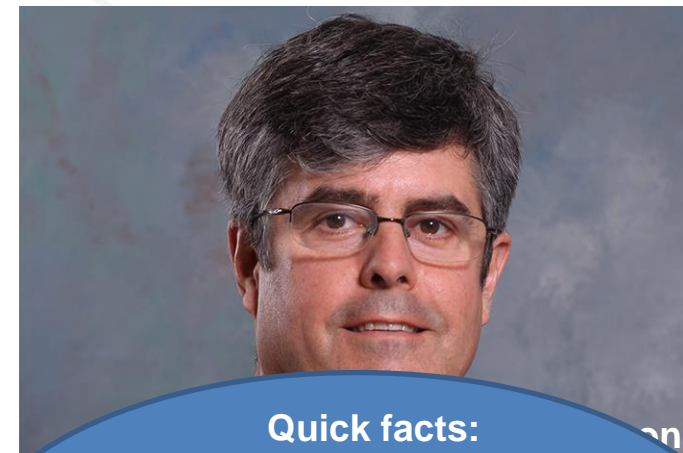


- Under Harold Agnew, the multidisciplinary laboratory of today was born
- The Lab's portfolio grew to include fields of research wholly unrelated to nuclear weapons, such as the development of alternative energy sources
- Safeguards: thousands of IAEA inspectors have received training from Los Alamos
- Last nuclear test took place in 1992
- Environmental restoration became a major priority

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# Today's Laboratory

- For 20 years the Stockpile Stewardship Program has ensured the safety and reliability of US nuclear weapons without full-scale testing
- The new Trinity supercomputer will be 40 times faster than the Petaflop Roadrunner machine
- LANL scientists are exploring Mars while developing the next generation **Curiosity Rover**
- Project **ATHENA** may soon provide a vastly superior approach for testing new drugs
- Worldwide scientists are doing pioneering work @ LANL Facilities **NHMFL-PFF** and **CINT**



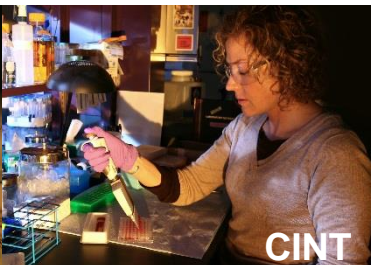
## Quick facts:

**Budget:** ~3B\$, 63% in wp, 4% in LDRD

**Area:** 40 sq miles, 6M sq.ft. under roof

**Total # employees:** 12,000

**Students:** 1400, Potsdocs: 400



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## Four capability pillars define key areas of science, technology & engineering in which today's LANL pursues leadership

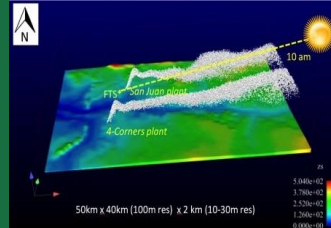


# MATERIALS FOR THE FUTURE

## Defects and Interfaces

## Extreme Environments

## Emergent Phenomena

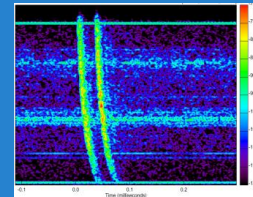


# SCIENCE OF SIGNATURES

## Discover Signatures

# Revolutionize Measurements

## Forward Deployment

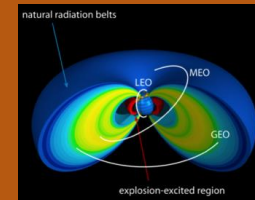


# INTEGRATING INFORMATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR PREDICTION

# Complex Networks

# Computational Co-Design

# Data Science at Scale



## NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE FUTURES

High Energy Density  
Physics & Fluid  
Dynamics

Nuclear & Particle  
Physics, Astrophysics &  
Cosmology

Applied Nuclear Science  
& Engineering

Accelerator Science &amp; Technology

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# National High Magnetic

# Field Laboratory



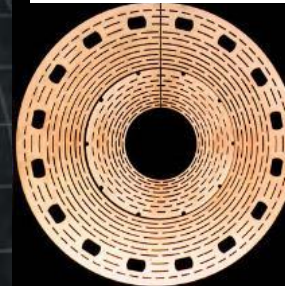
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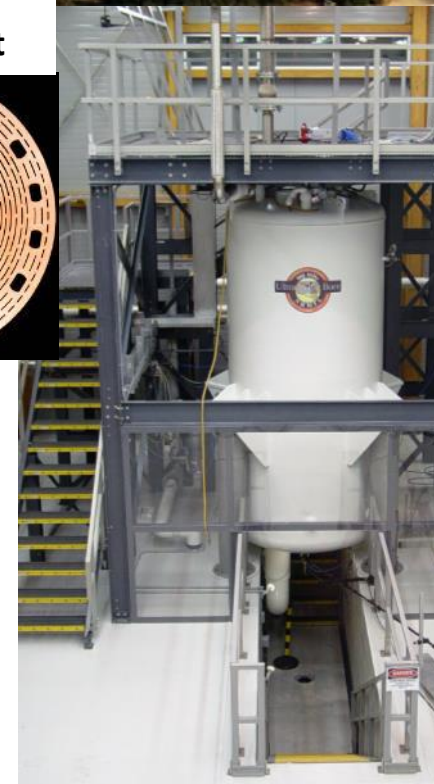
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45T Hybrid  
DC Magnet

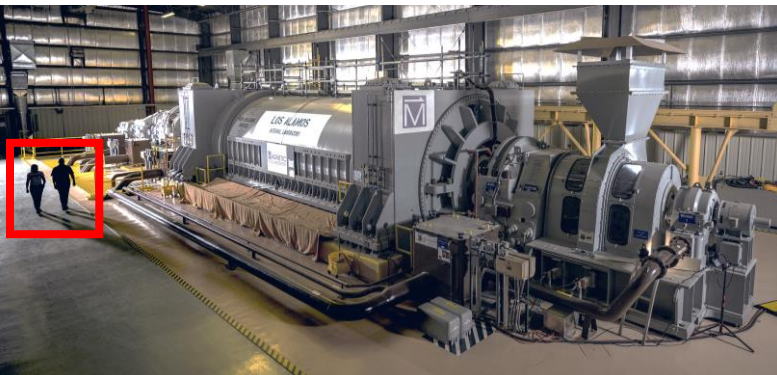
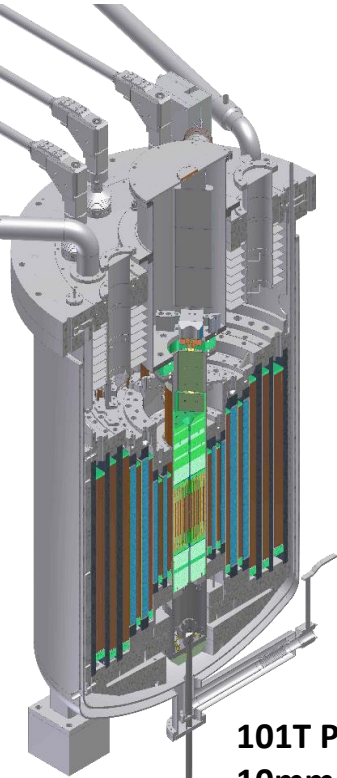


Advanced MRI and  
Spectroscopy Facility



900MHz, 105mm bore  
21T NMR/MRI Magnet

101T Pulse Magnet  
10mm bore



1.4 GW Generator



11.4T MRI Magnet  
400mm warm bore

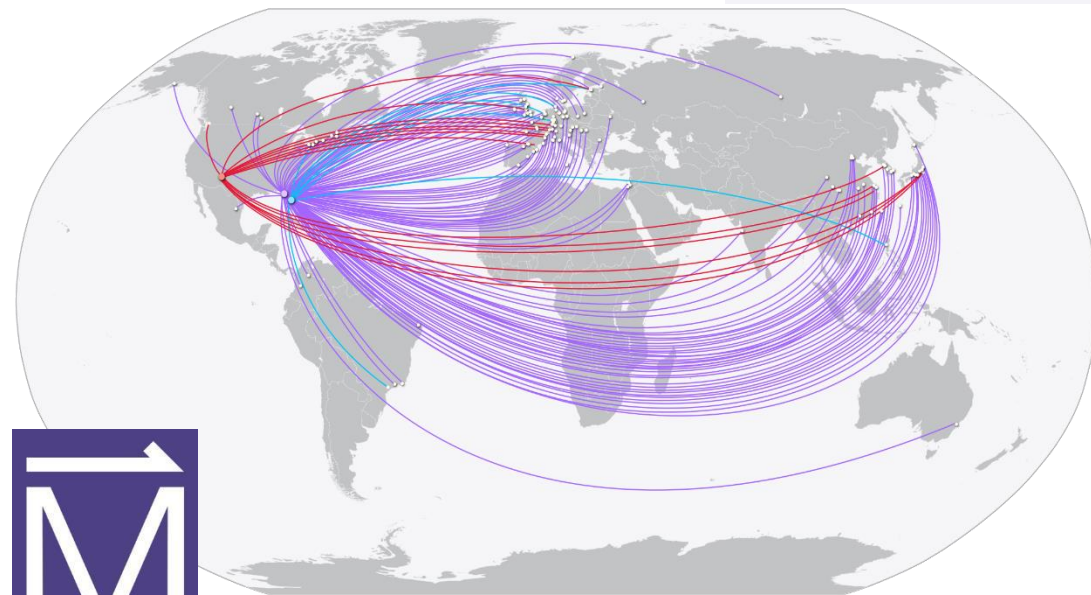
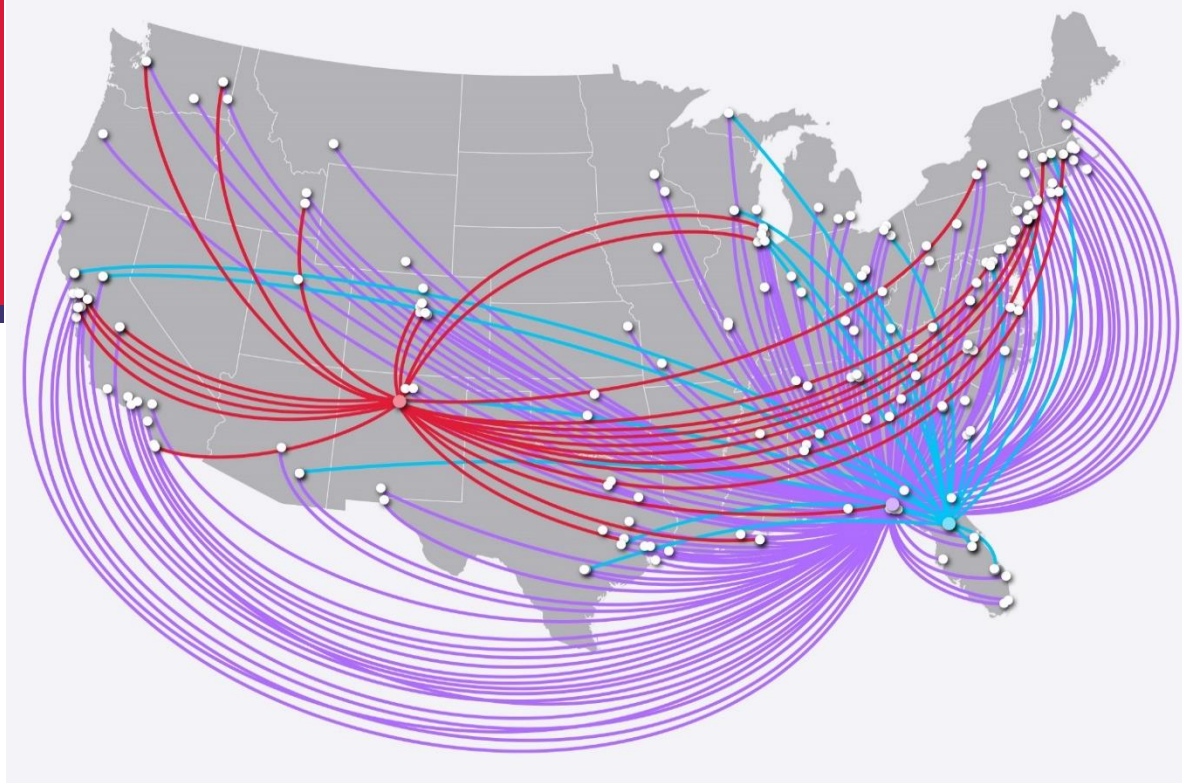
High B/T Facility  
17T, 6weeks at 1mK



# The MagLab attracts researchers from around the world

In 2017, the MagLab hosted experiments by more than **1800 users** from **173 institutions** across the **United States**...

...and a total of **324 institutions** from throughout the world.



Every year...the MagLab User Program:  
helps to train **~225 postdocs**  
and **~560 graduate students**

and publishes **~450 refereed papers:**

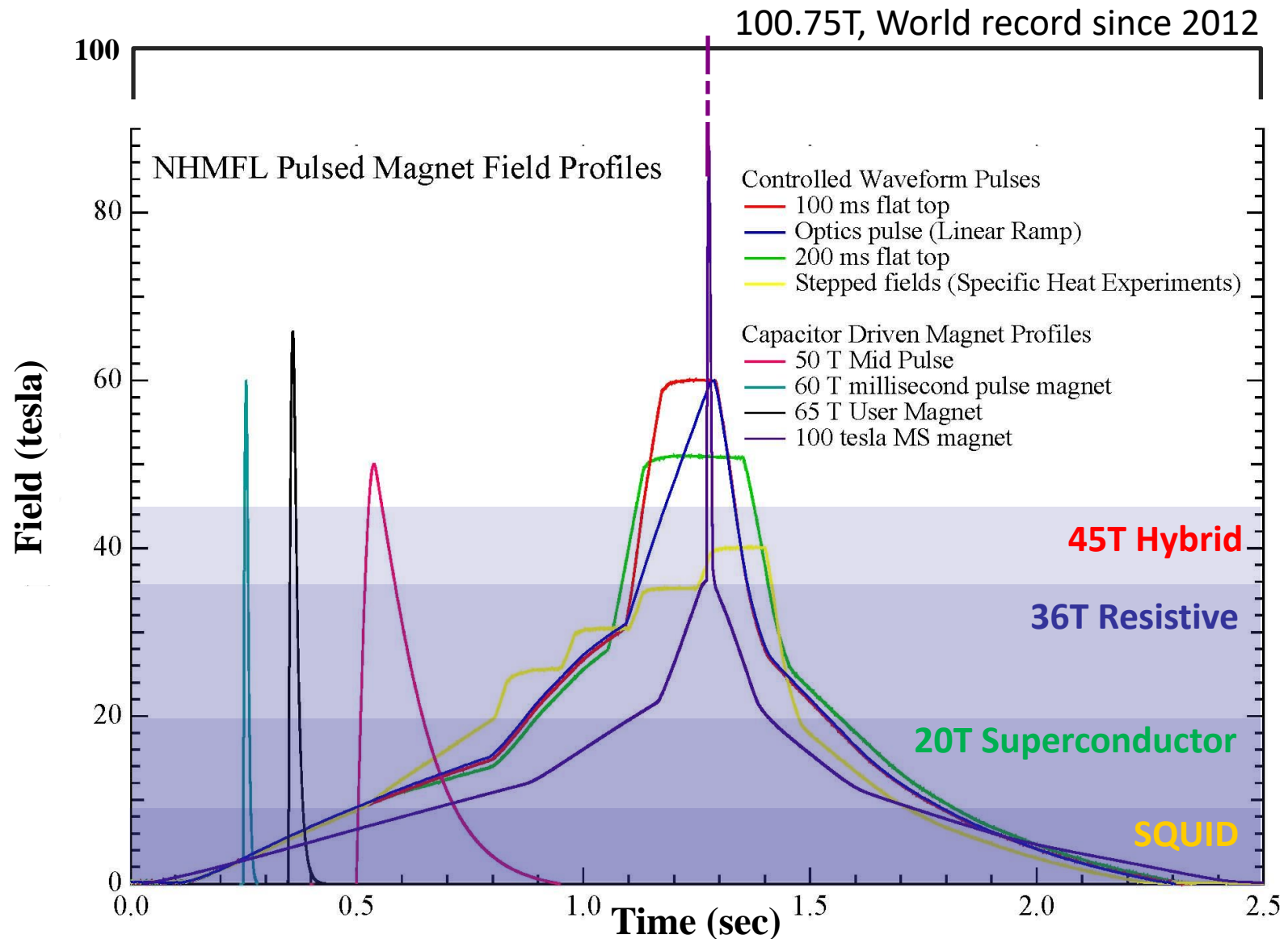
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24	<i>Nature Journals</i>
20	<i>Physical Review Letters</i>
62	<i>Physical Review B</i>
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**~ 25% of Principal Investigators are first-time-ever PI's at the MagLab**





# What are Extreme Magnetic Fields?

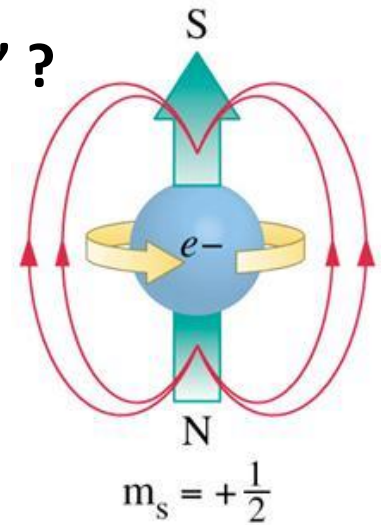




# What do we mean by “Quantum Matter” ?

Current research of the ‘Quantum’ includes

- Condensed matter physics
- Quantum gravity
- Nano-scale phenomena
- String theory
- Quantum information



If we restrict “Matter” to the traditional scope of “Materials Science”...  
then what do we mean by Quantum Matter?

**Materials in which Frontiers of Quantum Mechanics lead to Emergent Properties.  
Emergent Properties do not exist within the particle.**

**They result from collective behavior of large numbers of particles.**

**These frontiers include:**

**Strong Electron Correlations**

**Topology**

**Frustration**

**Quantum Entanglement**

**Emergent properties include:**

**Charge Fractionalization**

**Spin, Charge Separation**

**High-Temperature Superconductivity**

**Magnetic Bose-Einstein Condensation**

**And why?** Fundamental physics, next generation devices, quantum computing.





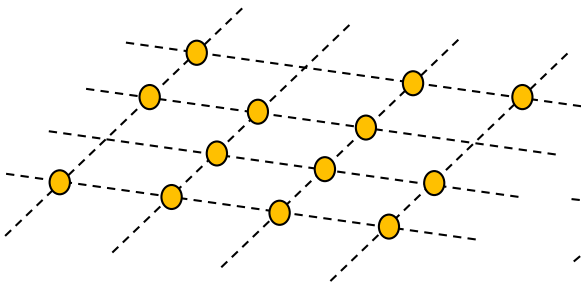
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(GSB)



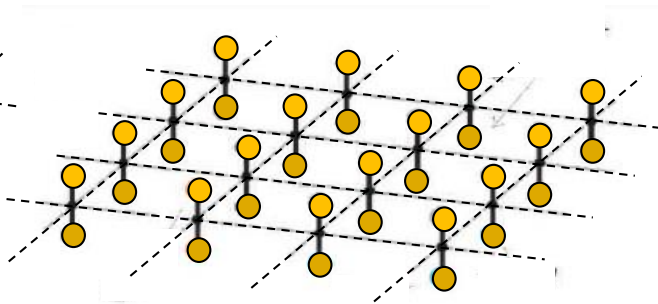
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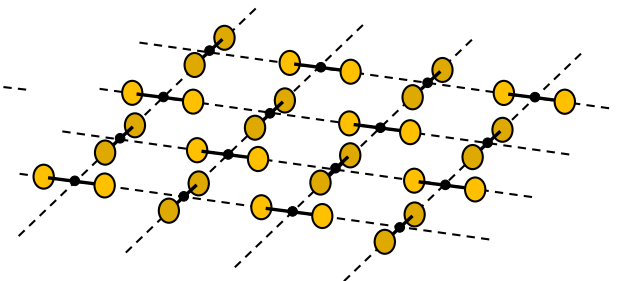


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**Electricity without Friction**



**Double-Layer of Electrons on Copper**  
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**Double-density in a single layer  
of Electrons on Copper**  
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Copper bilayer linked to Human Invention of Materials (An example from 700 BCE – 200 AD)



Han Purple:

the first synthetic purple pigment.

- Likely made from a mix of barium and copper minerals, quartz, and a lead salt as an extra ingredient that acts as a catalyst and flux.
- The mixture was heated to between 900 and 1000 C.
- Without temperature control Han Blue results, which is closely related to Egyptian Blue ( $\text{CaCuSi}_4\text{O}_{10}$ ), the oldest known synthetic pigment in the world.



Calcite -  $\text{CaCO}_3$

Bone White -  $\text{Ca}_5(\text{CO}_3)_2(\text{OH})_2$

White Lead -  $2\text{Pb}(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{Pb}(\text{OH})_2$

Soot - carbon black

**Han Purple\*\*\* -  $\text{BaCuSi}_2\text{O}_6$**

\*\*\* human-made pigment

Cinnabar -  $\text{HgS}$

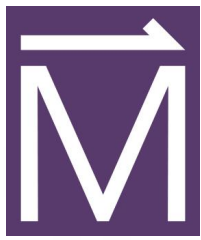
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Red Lead -  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$

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Terracotta Warriors (479-221 BCE)

to protect the emperor in the afterlife  
...instead of sacrificing real warriors!

**Materials Science:  
Saving Lives for  
More Than 2000 Years**



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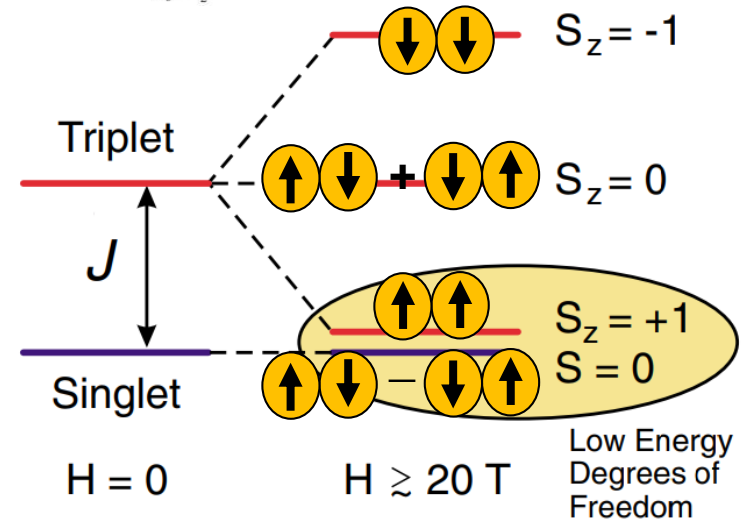
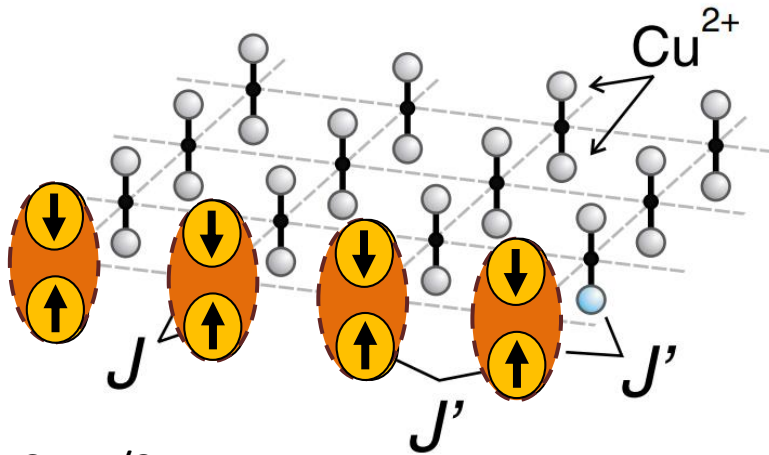
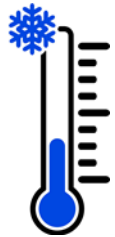
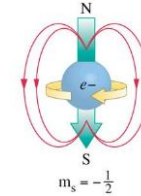
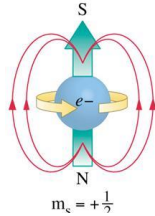
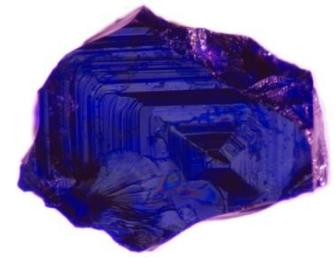
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# Han Purple is a Strange Universe for Electrons



The electrons pair up on each “barbell” and behave like completely different particles...  
**A SYSTEM OF S=1 BOSONS**

A magnetic field raises the energy of the  $S_z = -1$  state and lowers the energy of the  $S_z = +1$  state, until eventually the  $S_z = +1$  state becomes degenerate with the singlet state at  $\sim 20T$ .

WHICH GIVES NATURE MANY DEGREES OF FREEDOM TO DO SOMETHING INTERESTING...  
 It makes a gas of bosons, consisting of local spin triplet excitations, called triplons.



$S = 0$

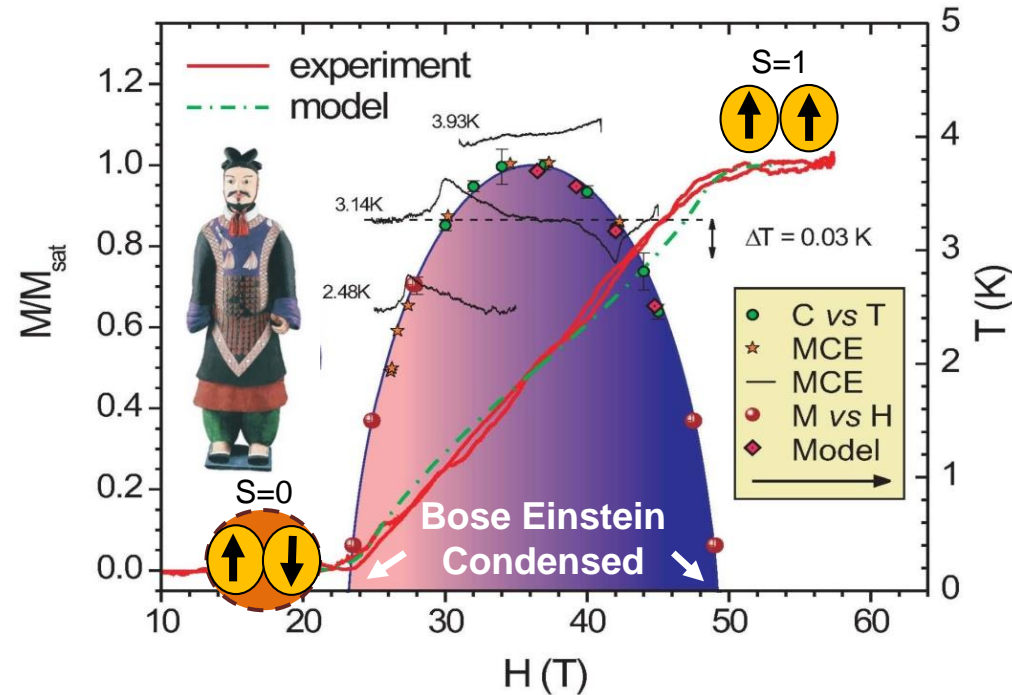
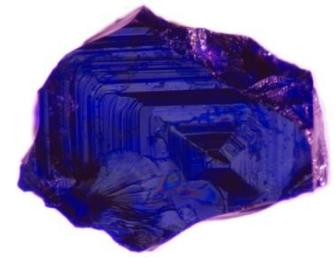


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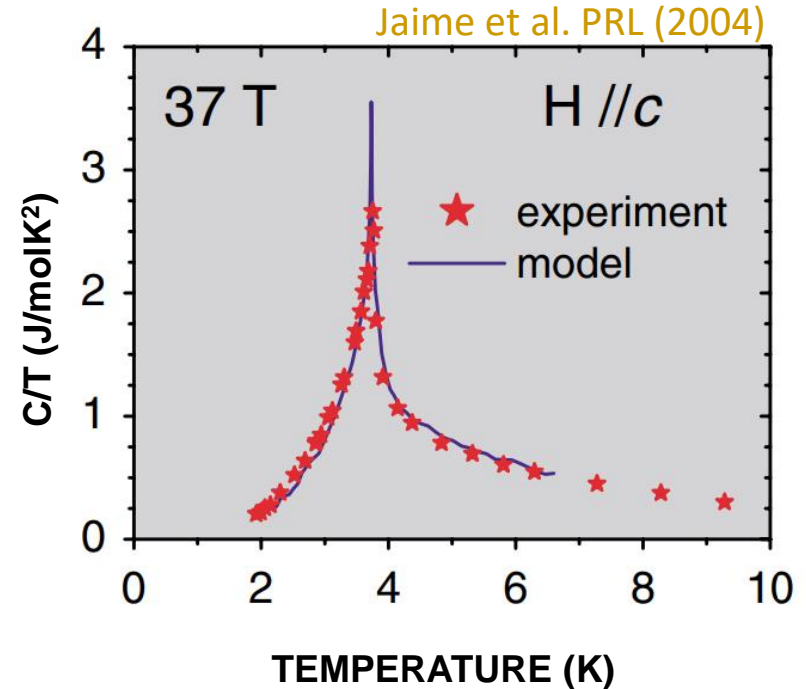


The **MAGNETIZATION** measures the number of  $S=1$  triplons...  
 Note that the magnetic field continuously tunes the number  
 (the chemical potential)  
 of the bosons over a wide range of magnetic fields.

$$T_c = [H_c - H_c^0]^\nu ; \nu = 2/d$$

( $\nu$  tells us which **universe** electrons are in!)

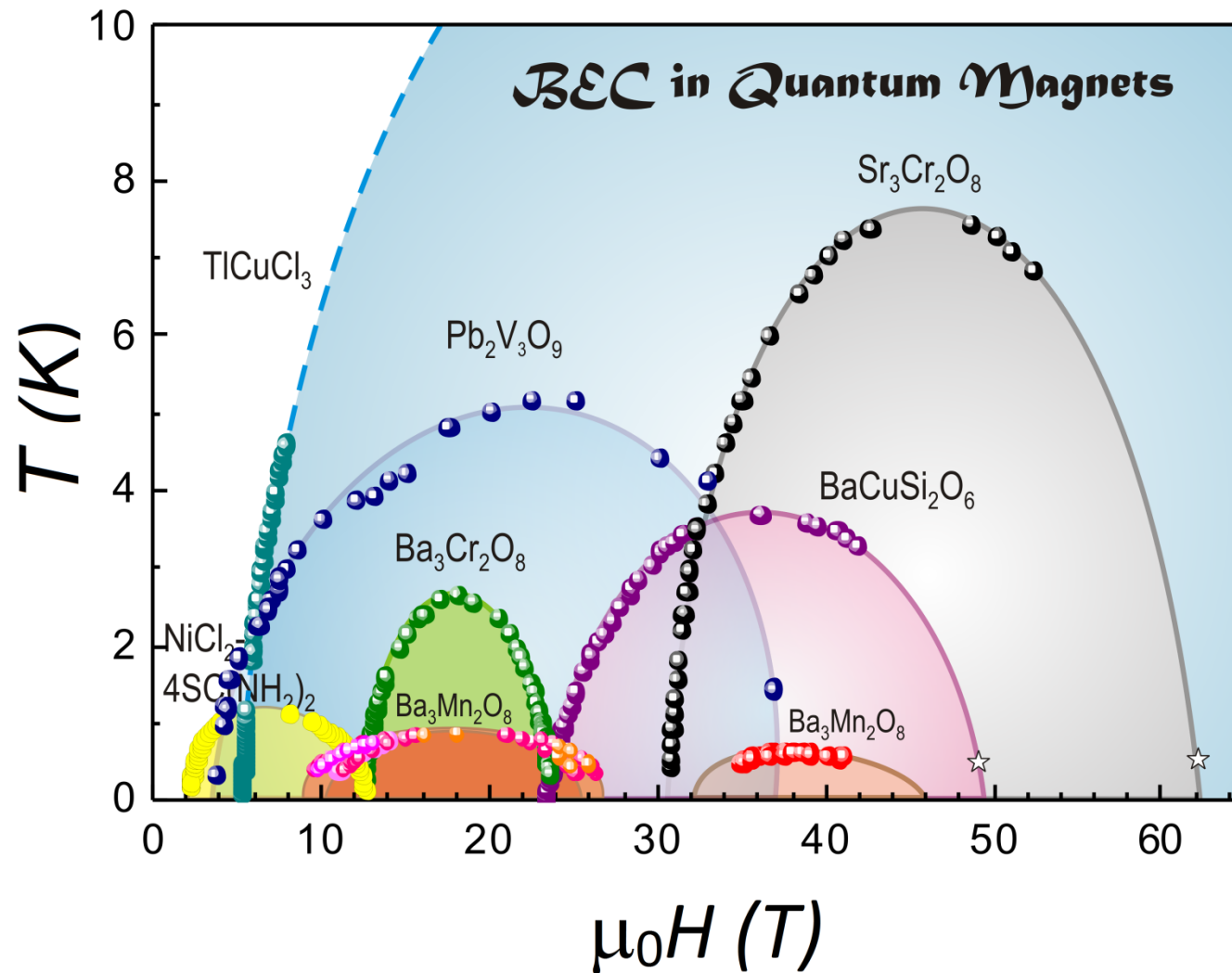
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Lambda transition in **SPECIFIC HEAT**  
 due to XY Antiferromagnetism ( $\equiv$  BEC)  
 at temperatures as high as **3.9K**

The  $S=1$  dipole magnetic fields  
 of the **TRIPLONS** become superfluid,  
 moving without friction.

# When U(1) is the correct symmetry





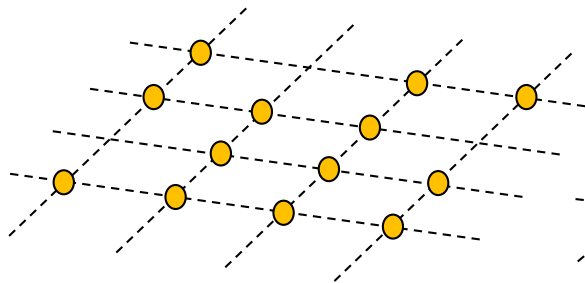
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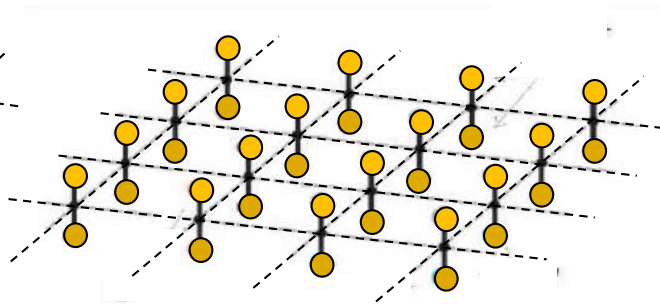
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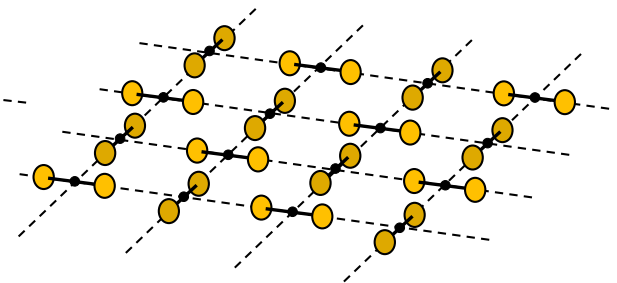
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**Phase-coherent Magnetism  
(without domain wall friction)**

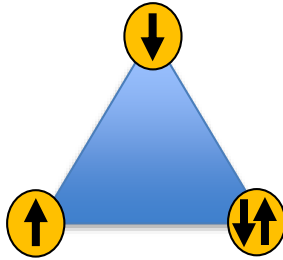


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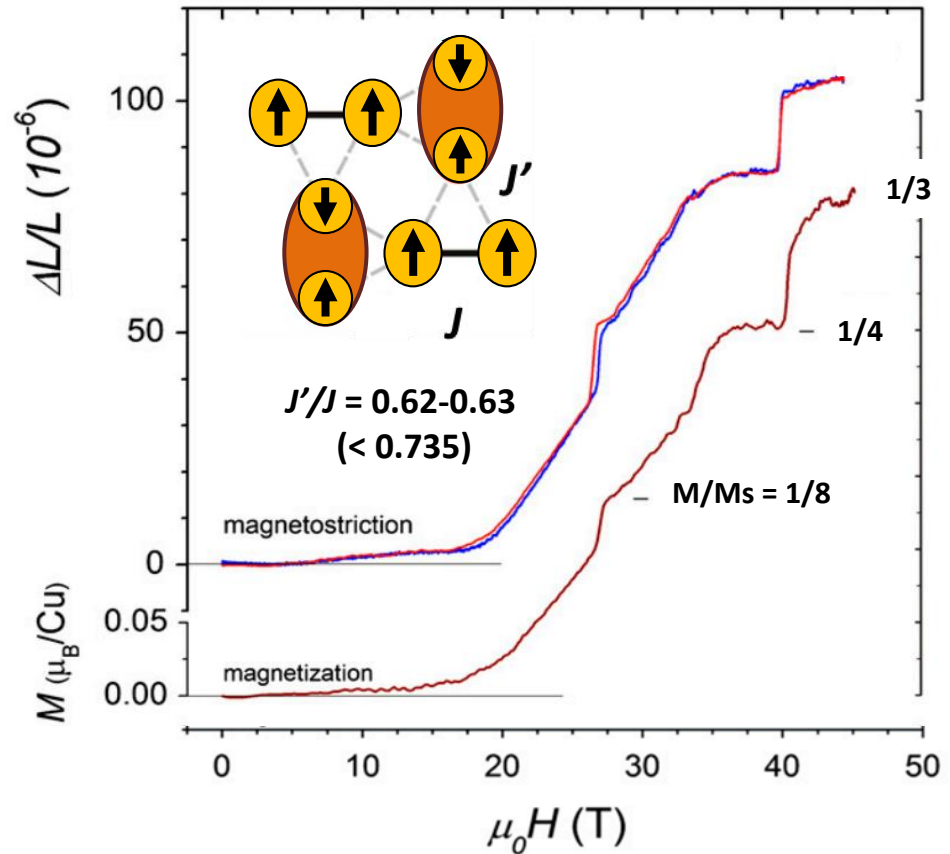
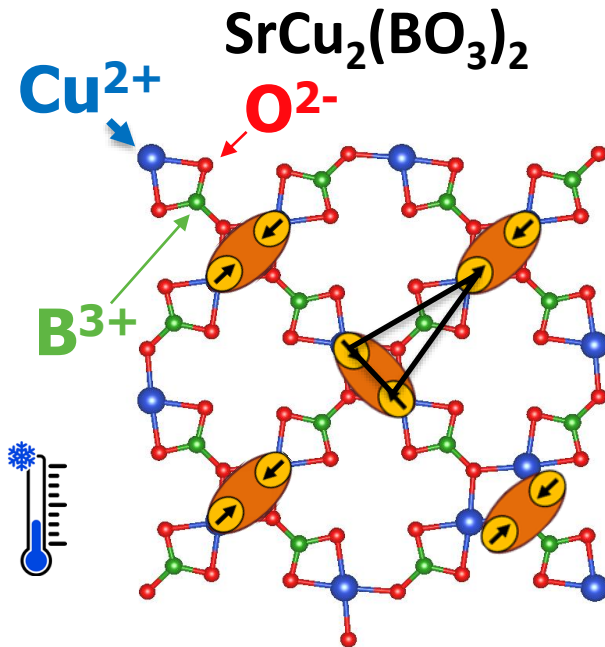
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# Frustrated Electrons on a Triangular Lattice: You can't satisfy all of the electrons all of the time.



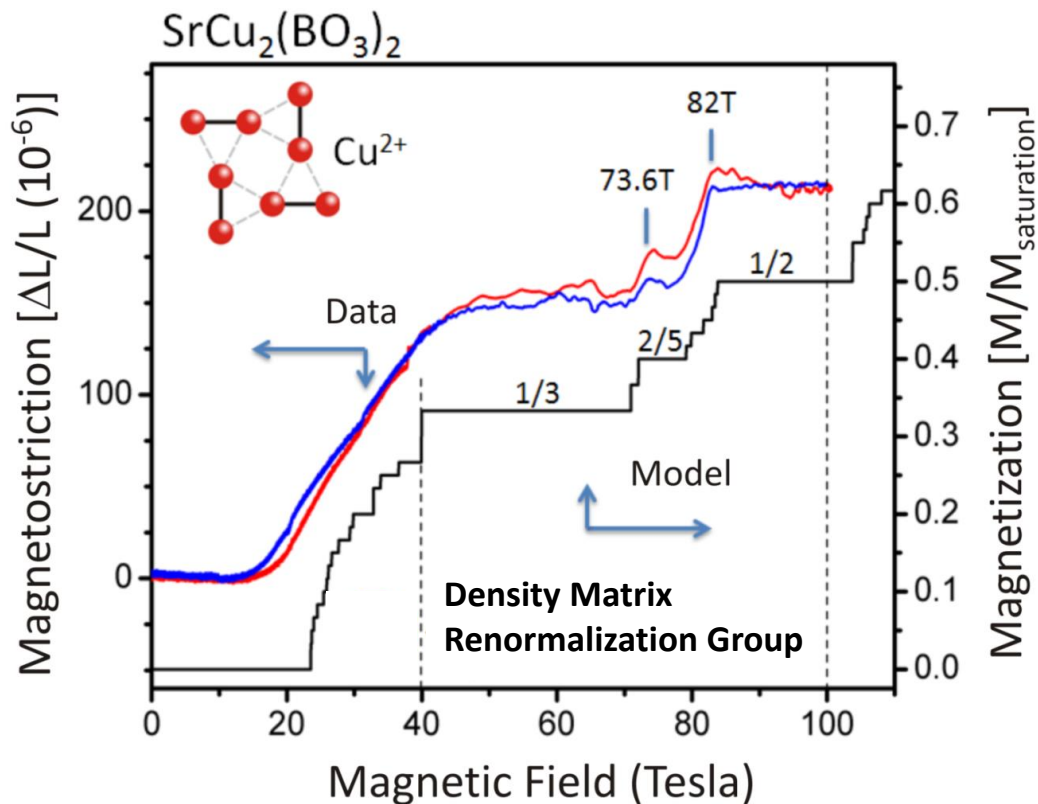
The simplest example of frustration: A triangle of three anti-ferromagnetically interacting Ising spins, each of which must point up or down.



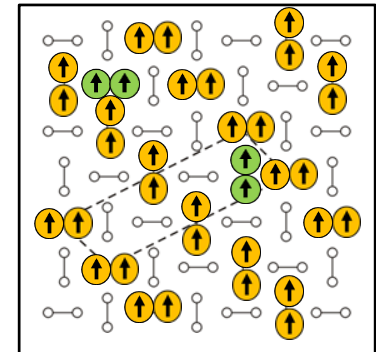
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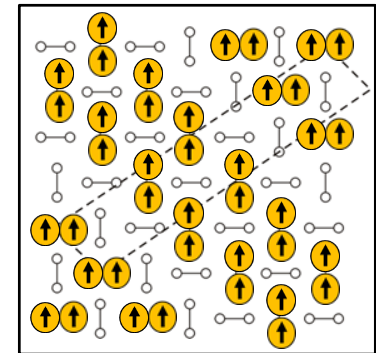
Extreme magnetic fields are needed to overlap physical against numerical experiments!



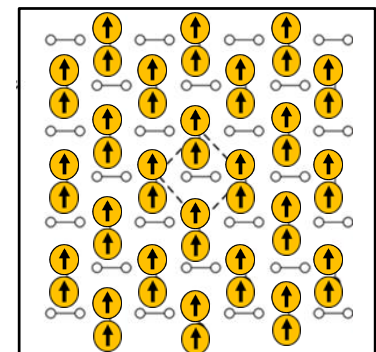
$M/M_s = 1/3$



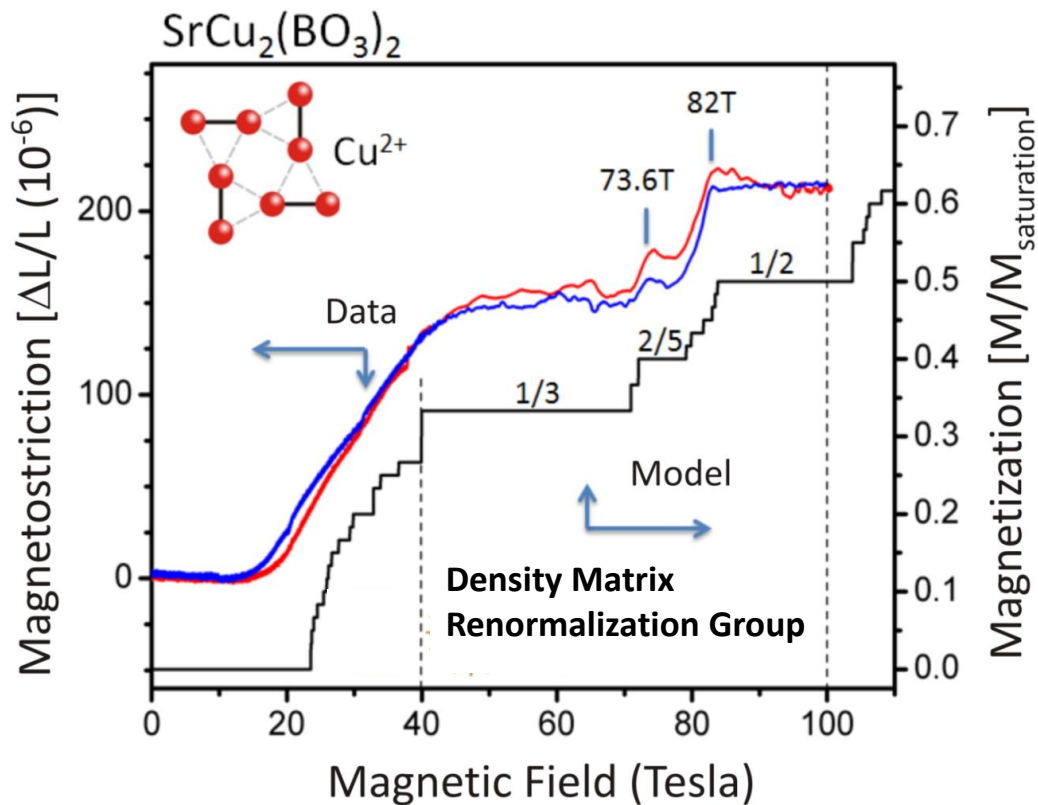
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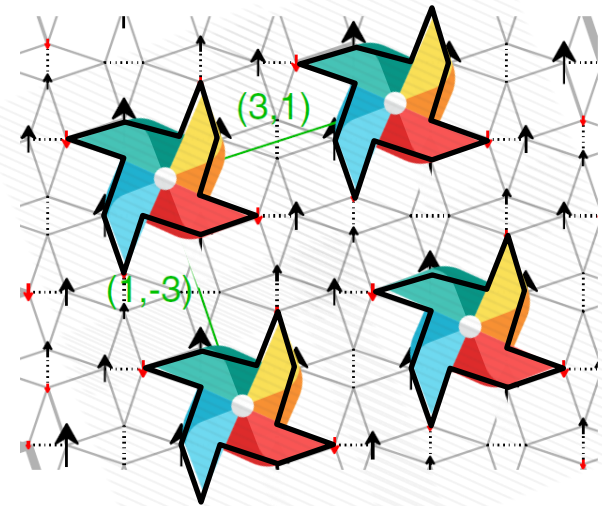
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We know that real life is often more colorful than models.

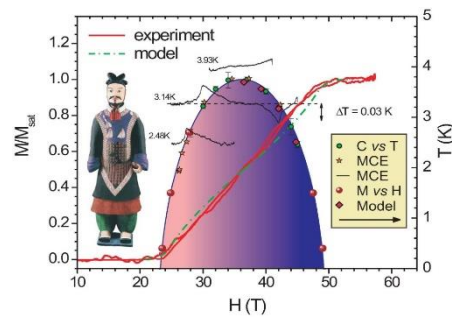


Plateaus  $\rightarrow$  pinwheel pattern

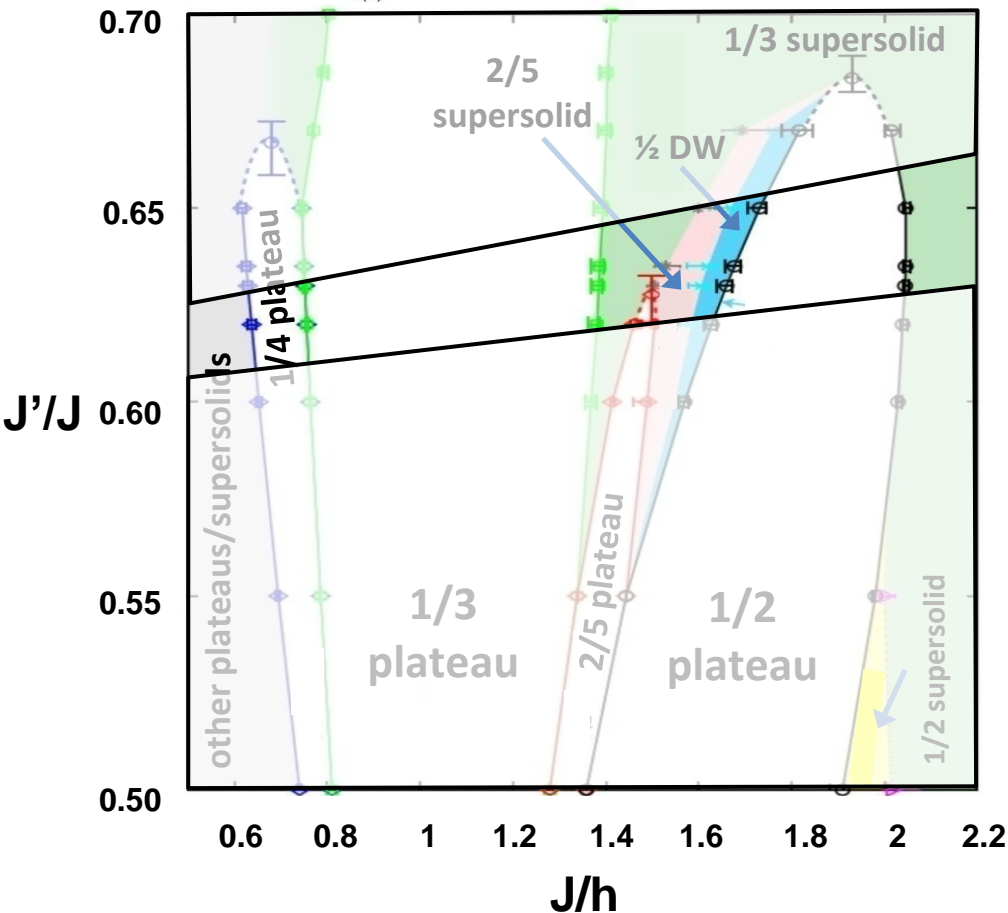


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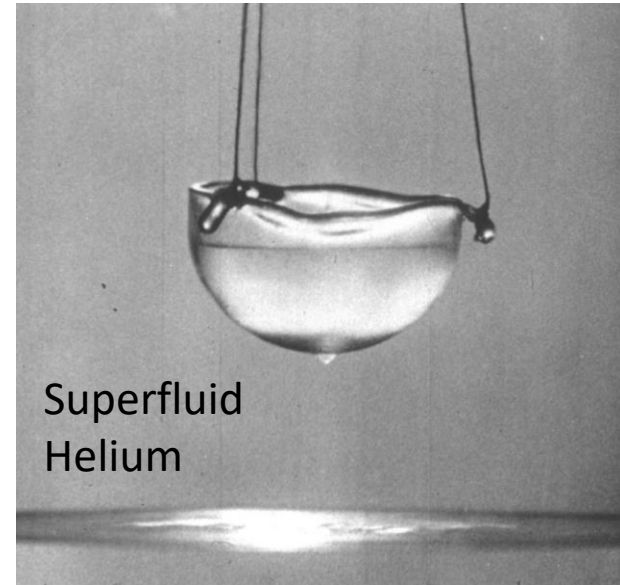




# Frustration averts full coherence, yet by admitting diversity it spurs emergence of a new state of matter: the Supersolid State



A supersolid is a spatially ordered material with superfluid properties.

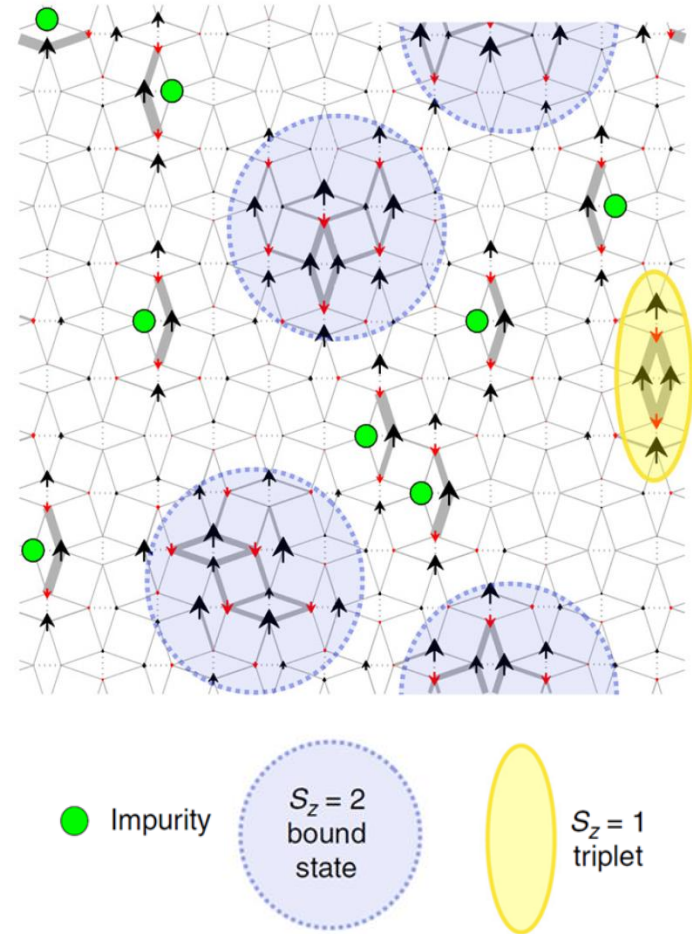
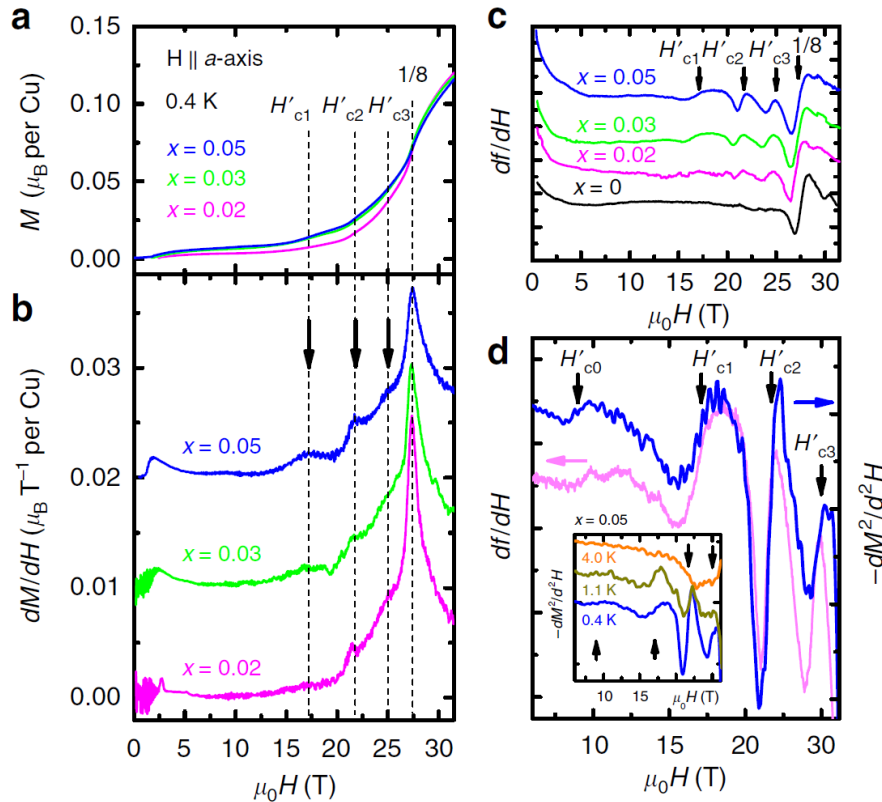


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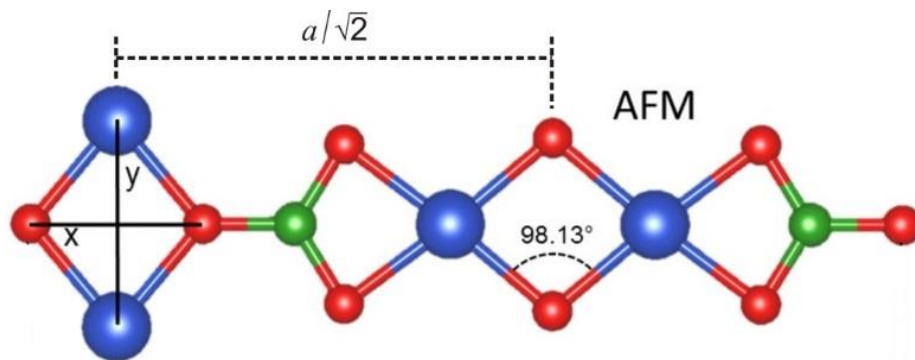
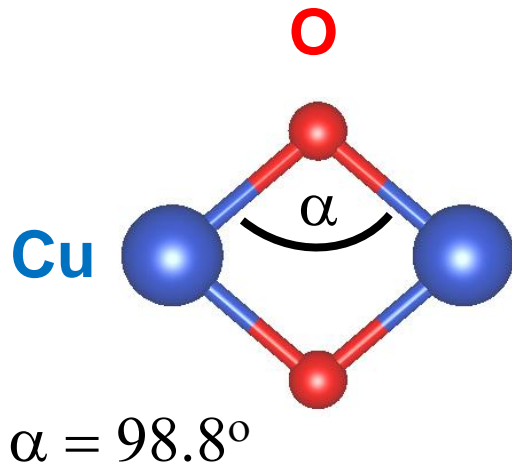
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# Would doping lead to RVB superconductivity?





# Magnetoelastic mechanism:

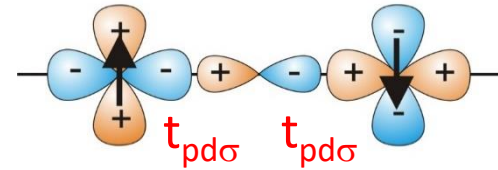


$$\Delta a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\Delta x + \Delta y]$$

$$\Delta \alpha = \frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2} \left[ \frac{\Delta y}{y} - \frac{\Delta x}{x} \right]$$

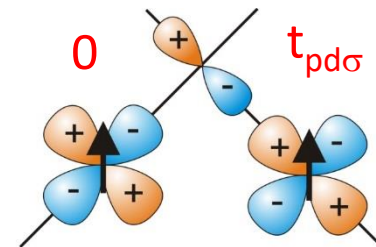
## Goodenough-Kanamori

AFM  $\gg$  FM



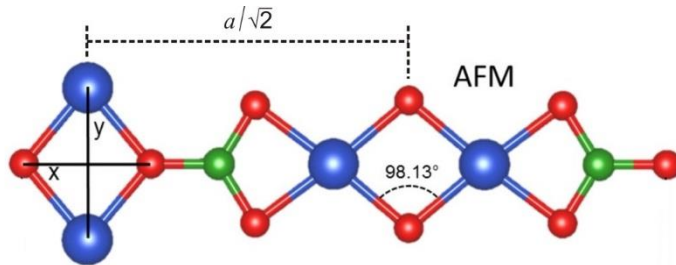
$$\alpha = 180^\circ$$

FM  $>$  AFM=0

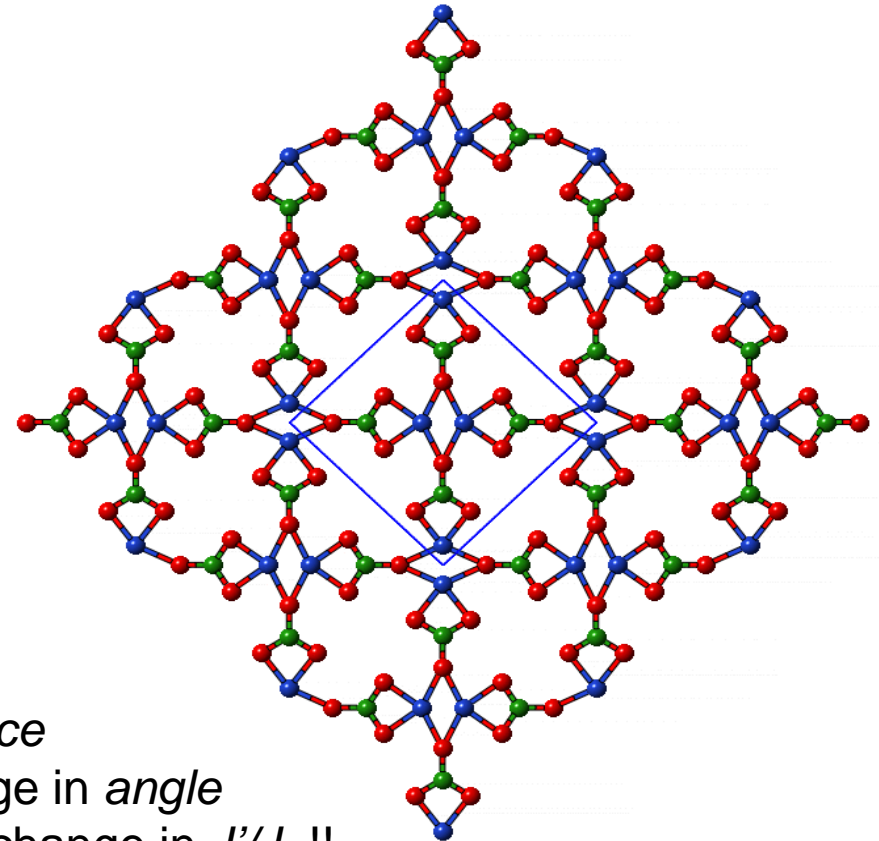


$$\alpha = 90^\circ$$

# Magnetic pantograph



- When magnetic field increases, Zeeman energy will impose a FM order
- But the energy cost is high because effective interactions are AFM
- The atoms responsible of the effective interactions will try to move to decrease them



$$\Delta\alpha = 35 \frac{\Delta a}{a}$$

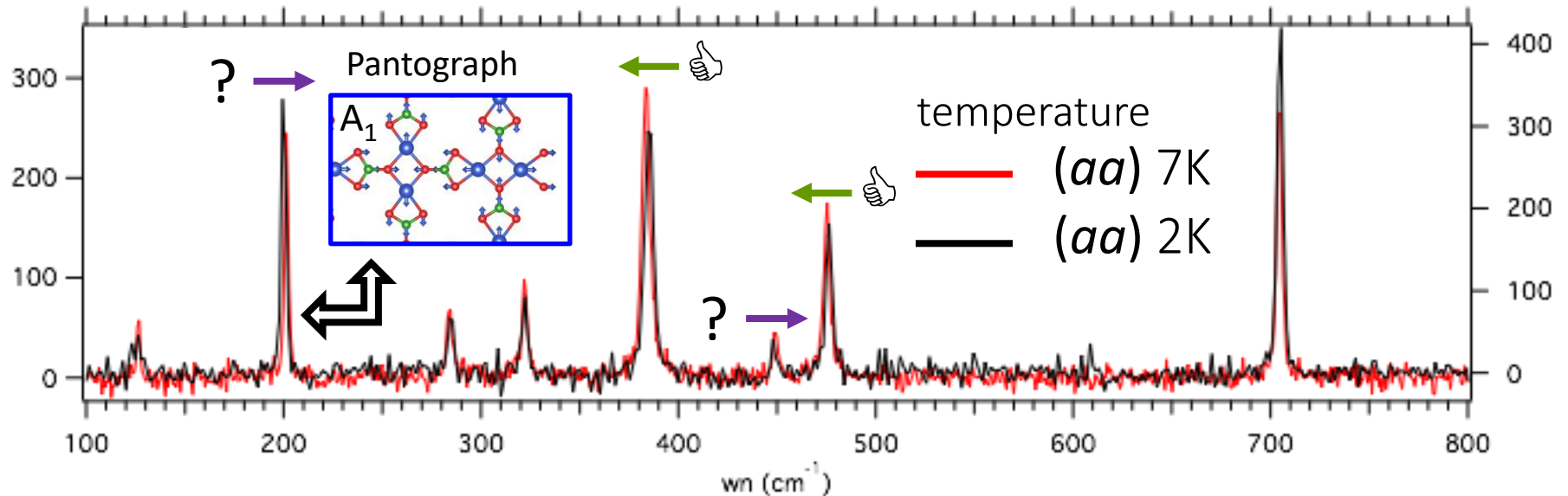
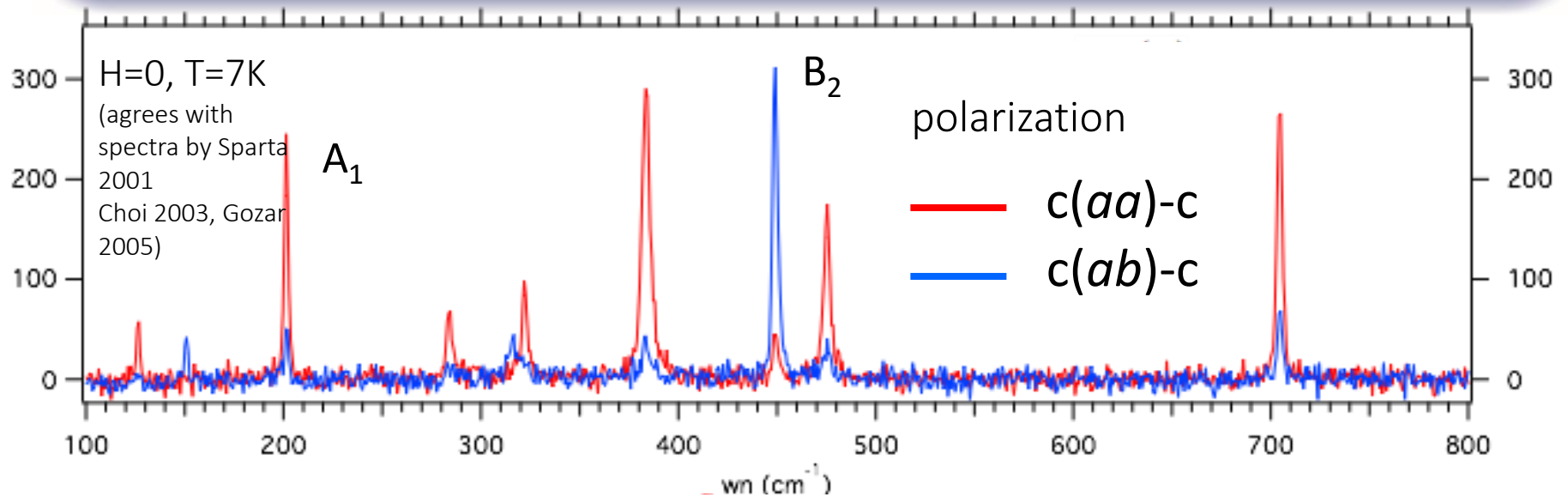
0.01% change in *lattice*

→ 0.35 % change in *angle*

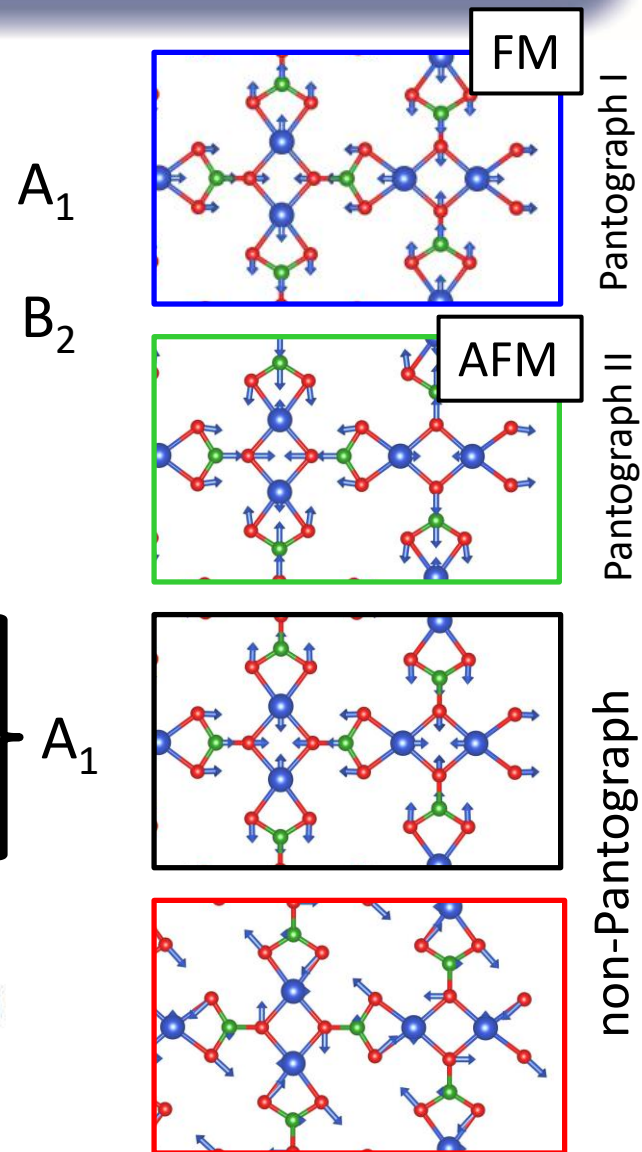
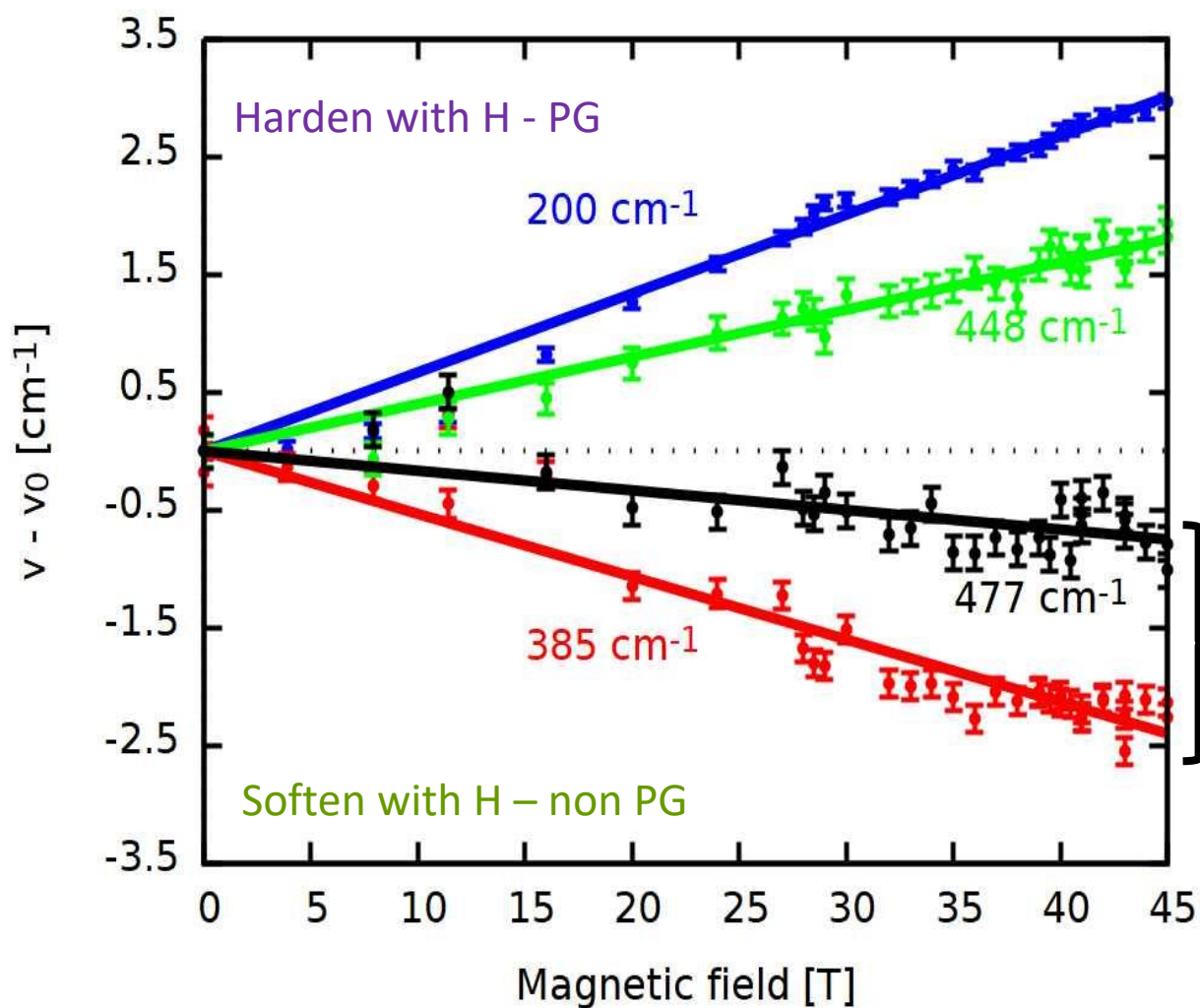
→ 10 % change in  $J'/J$  !!

# Raman scattering experiment, polarization & temperature

(Raman modes that shift in 2-7K range are likely coupled to spin gap)



# Raman modes vs DC magnetic field to 45T

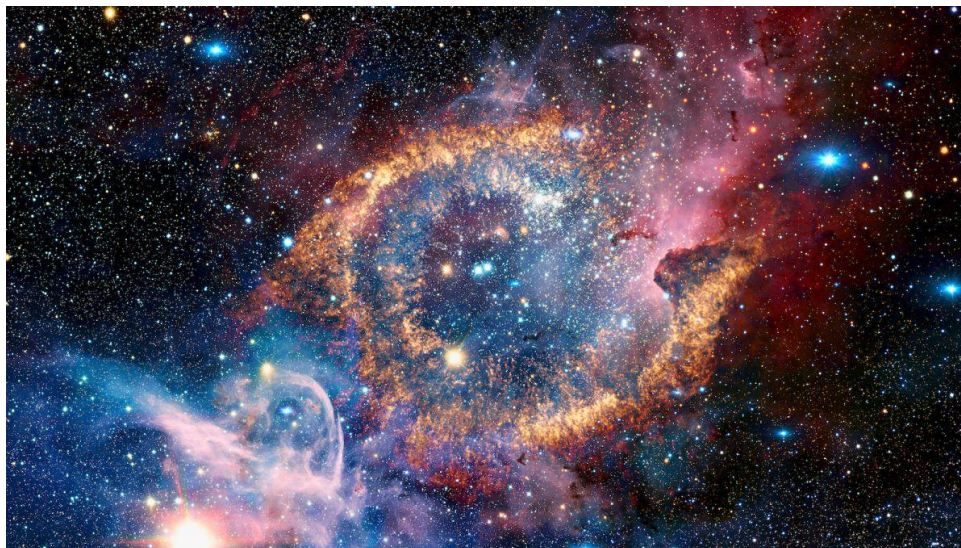






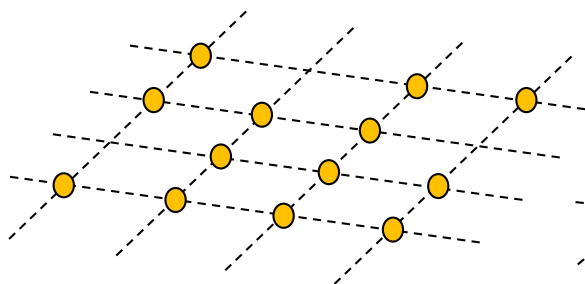
**For an electron,  
every material is a different universe.**

(GSB)



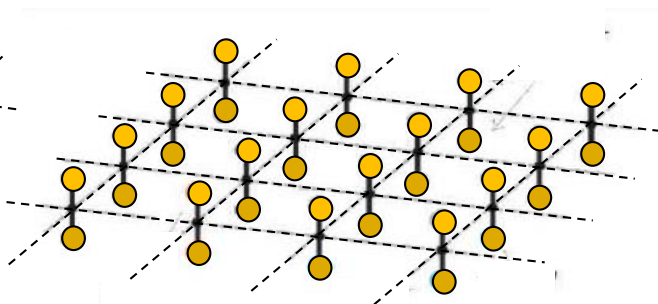
Astronomers Create 8 Million  
Baby Universes Inside a  
Computer and Watch Them  
Grow....  
Behroozi et al., *MNRAS*, 488,  
3143 (2019).

**And different electron behaviors lead to different materials' properties.**



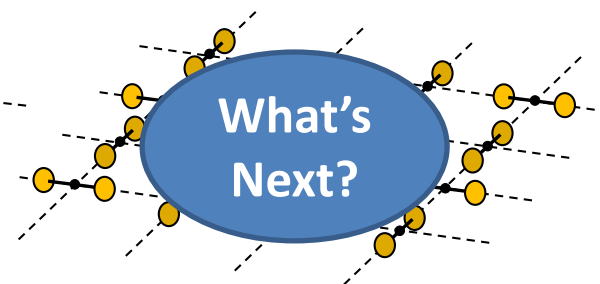
**Single-Layer of Electrons on Copper:  
High Temperature Superconductor.**

**Electricity without Friction**



**Double-Layer of Electrons on Copper  
Magnetic Bose-Einstein condensation**

**Phase-coherent Magnetism  
(without domain wall friction)**



**Double-density in a single layer  
of Electrons on Copper**

**Supersolid state (NSM) between  
stripe phases**

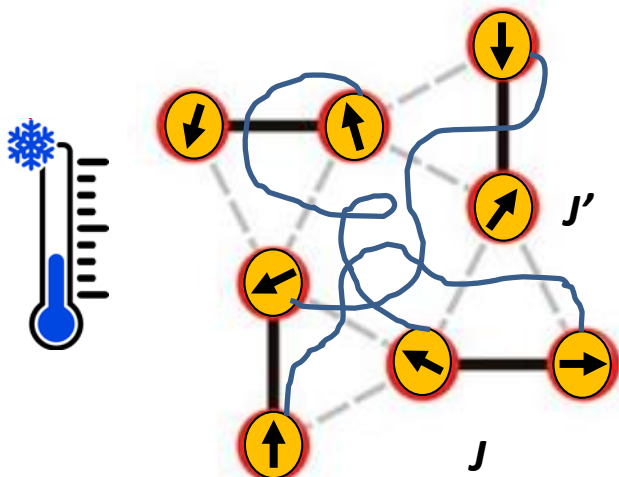
# What do we expect when frustration is really strong?

Wannier (1950) and Anderson (1973) proposed such a spin-disordered quantum state. *Candidate materials have, however, remained elusive ... until recently.*

→ **Quantum Spin Liquid**



Figure credits: F.L. Pratt



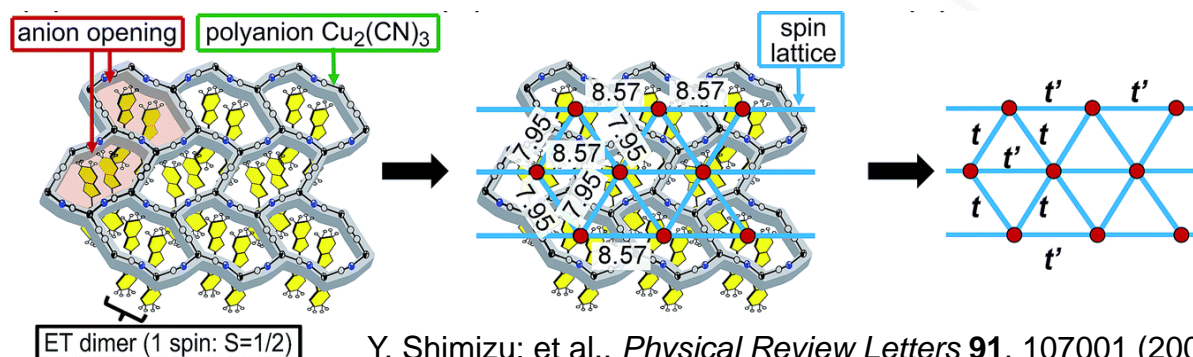
$$J'/J \rightarrow 1 \quad ???$$

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- A **Quantum Spin Liquid** is a system with magnetic moments where there are no broken symmetries.
- It is a new state of matter found as  $T \rightarrow 0$ .
  - The moments do not break translational symmetries, so they are like a liquid.
  - There is no magnetic order, which is suppressed by quantum fluctuations.
  - It is not a paramagnet. Interactions lead to long-ranged entanglement of the wave functions.
- The low energy properties of a Quantum Spin Liquid are related to effects such as:
  - Quantum fluctuations
  - Quantum entanglement
  - Quantum coherence
  - The topology of the quantum wave function.
- The signature properties of a Quantum Spin Liquid are not fully known, but they include:
  - Nonlocal and topological excitations.
  - Fractionalized excitations.
  - ‘Nothingness’ (absence of phase transitions, frustration parameter “ $f$ ”)
- QSL ground states may be topologically protected, suggesting possible role as qubits in quantum information applications.

# Quantum Spin Liquid Candidates

$\kappa\text{-(ET)}_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$  ET : bis(ethylenedithio)tetrathiafulvalene



$\kappa\text{-(BEDT-TTF)}_2\text{Cu}_2(\text{CN})_3$

$\text{YbRh}_2\text{Si}_2$

$\text{ZnCu}_3(\text{OH})_6\text{Cl}_2$  ([herbertsmithite](#))

$\text{BaCu}_3\text{V}_2\text{O}_8(\text{OH})_2$  ([vesignieite](#))

$\text{Cu-(1,3-benzenedicarboxylate)}$

$\text{Rb}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{SnF}_{12}$

$1\text{T-TaS}_2$

$\alpha\text{-RuCl}_3$

$\text{Na}_4\text{Ir}_3\text{O}_8$

$\text{PbCuTe}_2\text{O}_6$

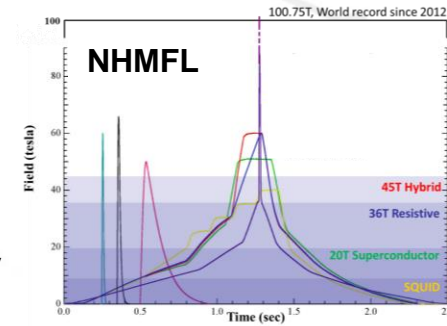
$\text{H}_3\text{LiIr}_2\text{O}_6$

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# SUMMARY

- Brief History of Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Extreme Fields at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory
- **Magnetic Quantum Matter** → Coherent spin states in **BaCuSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>**
- **Moderately frustrated MQM** → Coexistence and emergence:  
Supersolid states in **SrCu<sub>2</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>**  
Magnetic state robustness and “order from disorder” induced by doping
- **Strongly frustrated MQM** → search for topological quantum entangled state in  
Quantum Spin Liquids



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Supersolid

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